THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Pakistan has raised the Kashmir issue at various international for including the Organisation of Islamic Conference, in recent months.

(b) The communique issued at the conclusion of the OIC Special Ministerial Meeting on Bosnia-Herzegovina held in Islamabad on July 12-13, 1993 made certain references to Kashmir.

(c) Government believe that such attempts by Pakistan to internationalise the Kashmir issue and to give it a religious bias, is propagandist and a distortion of facts. It is in contravention of the spirit of the Simla Agreement under which India and Pakistan are committed to reslove their differences peacefully through bilateral negotiations. There is no scope for any third party involvement. Foreign Governments including those which are members of the OIC have been fully briefed about Government's views in the matter.

Pending Applications for allotment of Petrol Pumps

*140. SHRI RAMENDRA KUMAR YADAV 'RAVI'
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of applications pending for allotment of petrol pumps throughout the country, State-wise;

(b) what is the number of applications filed with Government from Gujarat and Bihar state; and

(c) what action Government have taken so far on this matter.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Applications are presently being invited by the Oil Marketing Companies for selection of RO dealers through the Oil Selection Boards against the vecancies pending from previous marketing plans and 997 proposals from the current marketing plan for 1988-93.

(b) 53 and 186 RO dealerships are planned for Gujarat and Bihar respectively in the current marketing plan.

(c) In order to expedite the selection of dealers, Government have consistuted State/Region-wise Oil Selection Boards including those for Gujarat and Bihar.

Yamuna Action Plan

@1045. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMNET & FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Yamuna Action Plan has been inaugurated and work taken in hand; if so, the details in this regard; and

(b) what are the details of the resource-generation aspect of the Action Plan such as reclamation of land from river bed, and development of tourism infrastructure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) A scheme of pollution abatement of river Yamuna, called the Yamuna Action Plan, has been launched by the Government. Under this plan, pollution abatement works are to be taken up in six towns of Haryana and eight towns of Uttar Pradesh besides Delhi. The works would include (i) interception and diversion of municipal waste water from these towns, (ii) treatment of such intercepted waste water, (iii) setting up of facilities like low cost sanitation, improved cermatoria, river front development, etc. and (iv) plantation along the river bank. Work on the Action Plan has begun.

(b) Aspects such as reclamation of land from river bed and development of tourism infrastructure are not covered under the Yamuna Action Plan.

Meeting of the Global Environment Facilities at Beijing

1046. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what were the main objectives of the Global Environment Facilities Meeting held recently at Beijing;

(b) whether the meeting has failed to attain any of its objectives; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government to this failure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND

@ Previously Unstarred Question 810.

FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) to (c) The main objectives of the Participants Meeting related to the proposed restructuring and replenishment of the Global Environment Facility.

The Chairman's summary of the proceedings of the meeting observed that the meeting has helped towards an agreement on these issues.

Study of Environment Impact

1047. SHRI JAGMOHAN : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any environmental impact study was carried out by Government before agreeing to hand over 15,000 acres of land to the American company, Cargil, near Kandla harbour;

(b) if so, what are the findings of the study; and

(c) in what manner the loss to local economy is proposed to be made good ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) No, Sir, The environmental impact for any project is to be carried by the project authorities, No such proposal has been referred to this Ministry.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Amendment in the National Forest Policy

1048. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to make an important amendment in the National Forest Policy 1988;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have also decided to allot forest land to the private industries and to allow them to carry out its afforestation;

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether such decision would affect the farmers interests adversely ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

(c) No. Sir: but some proposals have been received.

(d) to (e) Do not arise.

देश में नदियों का प्रदूषण

1049. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह** : क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में 18 प्रदूषित नदियों के नाम क्या है ।

(ख) इन नदियों के कौन-कौन से क्षेत्र प्रदूषित हैं; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा राष्ट्रीय नदी कार्य योजना के अन्तर्गत किन-किन क्षेत्रों में कार्य आरम्भ किया गया है ?

(पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री) (श्री कमलनाथ) : (क) और (ख) केन्द्रीय प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड द्वारा देश के कुछ प्रमुख नदी बेसिनों में प्रदूषण भार की निगरानी करने के लिए अध्ययन किया गया है । इन अध्ययनों के अनुसार 13 नदियों के 19 घोर प्रदूषित क्षेत्रों एवं 9 नदियों के 14 अपेक्षाकृत कम प्रदूषित क्षेत्रों को अभिनिर्धारित किया गया है । इन क्षेत्रों के ब्यौरे संलग्न विवरण में दिए गए हैं (नीचे देखिए) ।

(ग) राष्ट्रीय नदी कार्य योजना तैयार के अन्तिम चरण में है ।

विवरण

देश की कुछ प्रमुख नदियों के घोर प्रदूषित एवं कम प्रदूषित क्षेत्र

नदी	प्रदूषित क्षेत्र	वर्तमान श्रेणी	अपेक्षित श्रेणी	संकटापन्न पैरामीटर
1. घोर प्रदूषित क्षेत्र				
साबरमती	(1) अहमदाबाद नगर से साबरमती आश्रम तक तत्काल ऊर्ध्वप्रवाह	ड	ख	डी॰ ओ॰, बी॰ ओ॰ डी॰ कालिफार्म
	(2) साबरमती आश्रम से वेदथा	ड	घ	—वही—